

REMARKS

Claims 14-21 are pending in this application, of which Claims 14, 16, 18 and 20 are in independent form. Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 14-19 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regards as their invention. Claims 20 and 21 have been added to assure Applicants of a full measure of protection. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Those claims have been so rewritten because, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, Claims 15 and 17 now depend from Claim 14, and method Claim 18 has been amended by incorporating the recitations of Claim 14. Newly-added Claim 20 is a method claim corresponding to allowable apparatus Claim 16. Claims 19 and 21 respectively depend from method Claims 18 and 20.

accordingly, all the claims in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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